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Dear Coworkers:

CURRENT SERIAL RECORDS

There is an adage, "The same old thing in the same old way has little power to move the minds of men." We have had the 4-H program for more than fifty years. People are saying it needs a new image - new methods and a new focus. Experiences gained through "Operation Expansion" demonstrate that new thrusts, and new techniques do make a difference. Short time projects, group projects, special programs for specific clientele, multiple leadership and modern training methods all indicate that greatly increased numbers of youth can and will be served if we are willing to let the past be the effective prologue for modern imaginable 4-H methodology and programming today.

ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS

The figures you have projected for 1967 enrollment in 4-H show a decided and encouraging uptrend. The attached summary--unofficial at this point--lists 2,136,637 youth reached through 4-H Clubs and 554,659 4-H members not in organized clubs--a total of 2,691,296. Some of you have given us, informally, an even more encouraging figure. Other youth not in 4-H were reached in addition to these figures.

When we were developing "The Many Faces of 4-H," which was planned for use over the next 2 years, we quoted 4-H participation at 2-3/4 million. Can that magical 3 million--youth who need 4-H--be far away?

The Washington State 4-H Memo gave an interesting example of the opportunities that are close by for imaginative people:

"A 4-H Leader was in the office this morning. She reported that already she and her husband, with other leaders in the club, have 12 new members because they phoned each TV Action member in their area and invited them to join their club. They still have other boys and girls to call. This was formerly strictly a horse project group until it was pointed out to the leaders that perhaps other boys and girls in the area didn't have or didn't like horses but might wish to join 4-H. Now the club has projects and leaders for livestock, weeds, clothing and foods and is looking for leaders in tractor and rocks and minerals projects."

Could this be your county?

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COOPERATING WITH LAND GRANT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

FOLLOW-UP OF NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE

Your 230 delegates to the 37th annual National 4-H Conference completed a busy week of educational and inspirational activities here in Washington. They went home fired up with a desire to motivate other youth to appreciate democratic values and institutions. Because each will find different situations and opportunities we hope you will plan with your delegates about follow-up activities.

During the entire week, the 4-H flag flew over Agriculture's Administration Building and public awareness of 4-H was engendered.

Our Information Services staff put a great deal of effort into getting the Breakfast-with-Congress negatives to your editor promptly. It would be extremely helpful if we had an appraisal of their usefulness. The Director of Information is asking your editor to make such a report. Comments by you would be helpful, also.

YOUNG WORLD FOOD AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Recent seminars in Des Moines, Iowa and in Rome were the second step in an activity spearheaded by the Food and Agriculture Organization, undertaken to increase understanding and to combat hunger. The partnership role of youth in the developing countries was stressed.

The final stage will be the world conference in Toronto, September 11-16. All FAO Member and Associate Member Nations will be invited to nominate candidates for the World Conference. Agencies and organizations with international programs will also be invited to send representatives.

The World Conference proposes to (1) Identify the basic problems hampering the growth of out-of-school rural youth programs in the developing countries, (2) Recommend specific action projects and programs to overcome these problems, (3) Encourage the growth of youth-to-youth activities, and (4) Establish suitable procedures for continued development of action programs.

Massey-Ferguson has cooperated with FAO in supplying a grant of funds for the project.

REPORT TO THE NATION

The first 4-H report schedule of the year--in Missouri, Indiana and Illinois--was well received. Ralph Kirch did the coordination with assistance from Ken Anderson and Fern Kelley, plus staff members in the three States. Reporters were from Utah, Kansas, Texas, Indiana and Illinois.

Three other major group reports are planned: One in the central area and Tennessee, one in the New England area in September, and in New York-Washington--possibly Virginia during National 4-H Week in October. A possible schedule on the West Coast is also being discussed. Individually, the reporters will represent 4-H at many important national meetings.

REPORT-TO-THE-NATION NOMINATIONS

States eligible to name a boy and/or a girl for interview during 1967 National 4-H Congress, for the 1968 report year, are: Maine, New Jersey, Maryland, New Hampshire, Puerto Rico, Oklahoma, North Carolina, Mississippi, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, Nevada, Montana and Idaho.

Under the plan developed by the 4-H Subcommittee, nominees will be at least 15 years of age and not over 19. They are to be unmarried when selected and when serving.

FONTANA 4-H RESOURCE CONFERENCE

States in the TVA area had opportunity to select 4-H Club members to participate in the Conference at Fontana Village, N. C. June 5-9. Theme for this year's conference: "Resource Development - Our Heritage - Our Responsibility." For the first time this year, each State could select two "returning delegates" in addition to the regular quota. These 4-H'ers had presiding, speaking and evaluation responsibilities.

Kentucky was the host State handling program arrangements, according to the rotation plan.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF COOPERATION

Fifty outstanding 4-H boys and girls, one per State, may be selected by June 15 as scholarship winners to participate in the A.I.C. Conference August 6-9 at Purdue University. The objective of these special awards is to recognize youth's efforts in learning about the way we do business in America. Mary Lou Brooks of Owensboro, Ky., a participant last year, is returning as co-chairman of the youth sessions for 1,000 young people. Bob Pinches is cooperating for our staff.

DAIRY DATES

National 4-H Dairy Conference is planned for November 19-22 in Chicago. For the first time it will precede rather than follow the National 4-H Congress.

You would also have noted the change of the 1967 National 4-H Dairy Judging Contest for October 16 at the Ohio Expositions Center in Columbus.

ARKANSAS BUS IN USDA EXHIBIT

The bus being used as a mobile training unit for the Special Youth Project in Arkansas was featured in "The Forge of Progress" exhibits at USDA in April. Thousands of Government workers, press and Washington visitors learned firsthand about Extension work with disadvantaged rural youth. The bus so far has been used to train 131 girls and 114 boys in home economics and shopwork in nine isolated low-income communities. It is especially equipped with gas range, sink, electric sewing machines, electric tools and a power generating unit.

Gene Word was in town for the opening of the display, assisted by a county Extension home economist, and a program assistant who had worked with the youth.

FACILITIES FOR 4-H VISITORS OF EXPO '67

A 4-H Universal Campsite will be open at Ormstown, Canada (45 miles from the Exposition) through the planning of 4-H members in the Province of Quebec. Facilities will be open to all 4-H members and their families for a very nominal sum. Campers must take their own tents and sleeping bags if using the barracks. All groups must be chaperoned and each camper is required to wear identification. Contact would be with Bernice Cullen, Campsite Secretary, 4-H Universal Campsite, P. O. Box 38, Ormstown, Quebec, Canada.

NATIONAL FARM SAFETY WEEK, July 23-29

"Think and Act Safely" is theme for the 24th National Farm Safety Week observance, sponsored by USDA and the National Safety Council.

Did you know that accidents are the leading cause of death among children and youth? Accidents cause about 40 percent of all deaths among children ages 5 to 14. Among young people 15 to 24, accidents kill $6\frac{1}{2}$ times more than the next leading cause--cancer. And there are far more injuries than deaths. In one recent year, there were 13,464,000 injuries to children 6 through 16, causing a loss of 11,790,000 days of school.

The shocking, wasteful, human and economic losses certainly would have been higher but for the accident prevention activities carried out by 4-H members and leaders. It is evident that our safety activities must be continued and expanded, if possible.

The National Drivers' Test on May 23 was an informative experience for family members of all ages--we hope many 4-H'ers. The American Medical Association's Council on Rural Health had earlier called attention to the study of traffic fatalities in California.

These studies showed that $1\frac{1}{2}$ times as many people were injured per 1,000 population in traffic accidents in rural counties under 50,000 population, as contrasted with urban counties of over 500,000 population. People injured in rural counties were almost four times as likely to die of their injuries as those injured in urban counties, despite the occurrence of less severe accidents and more survivable injuries. The Rural Health Council recommends that:

Rural and urban communities develop a continuing campaign directed toward first aid instruction for rural families and particularly young people. (One point of a five-point program).

NEEDS FOR 4-H HEALTH PROGRAMS

A selected group of Extension staff members and some consultants met at the time of the National Rural Health Conference to appraise progress of 4-H health programs. They were challenged with "If you could have educational materials not now provided for your 4-H health programs, what would you like?" See if you agree with their main ideas:

1. Arrange for exchange-purchase of selected State materials by other States. Also, need guides in specific subjects (what, how, who, why) for use of leaders and agents.

2. Analytically evaluate successful selected programs, especially in terms of process.
3. Identify several main areas and prepare specialized leaflets for each. Maybe for short-term use.
4. Provide material to develop greater public understanding and appreciation of health - facts about issues, dangers, consequences, significance of total health. 4-H case examples (what, how) by film or other media are needed.
5. Provide health education bibliographies - annotated for State use - from which to obtain supplies for county use.
6. Promote the county health project chairman idea. Give ideas on how to train. Provide material that could go to agent to explain the role of this chairman.

4-H ALUMNI RECOGNITION

We all agree the National 4-H Alumni recognition program has had tremendous impact! The dilemma is why- after 50 years of 4-H and 25 million alumni - one-third of the counties do not name county winners?

Could it be that county staff do not have record of alumni or know-how or time to search them out - or do they see this only as a State or national award?

The 4-H Week planning kit, and other sources, will include ideas for locating and using alumni.

Speaking of alumni--Montana tells us that 4-H alumni are prominent in a program carried out by Montana State. Annually, a senior woman is selected to come back in five years as speaker for the Women's Day on campus. On May 7, a former 4-H'er, Dr. Mary Ann Micka, pediatrician in Cleveland, Ohio, and former 4-H member in Ravalli County, gave the important address. On that same occasion, Julia Nesbit, former Phillips County 4-H'er and about to be an IFYE, was announced as the speaker for five years from now.

Georgia has told us of a wonderful woman, member of the first canning club organized in her county in 1912, who has just completed 54 years of volunteer 4-H leadership. As a teacher, she has a record of having organized and conducted 4-H work in every school with which she was associated. Since retirement, she has not let up in her 4-H support.

DISCOURAGE PRINTING OF 4-H RECIPE BOOKS

States seem to be having a rash of requests to print 4-H cookbooks, promoted as a money-making venture. Our reaction: It is definitely illegal to publish a book like this with the 4-H name and emblem for interstate use. Also, our nutrition experts are opposed to this type of book, since recipes are not developed and tested by home economists. Our charge is to make 4-H educational!

If the 4-H emblem is used on a book of this type in a given State, it must definitely be done with the approval of the Extension Director. Approval would have to indicate it is being sold in support of 4-H rather than recipes being used in 4-H.

We think such books are inappropriate though, and should be discouraged.

PROGRAM REPORTS -- LET'S HAVE MORE

"Special 4-H Program Helps Retarded Children" is the title of a special two-page report telling of work done in Hennepin County, Minnesota with the New Hope School, where 186 boys and girls are enrolled in 4-H. Pictures of the 4-H'ers at work give impact to the report. Minnesota plans to do more reports of this type, to show Extension programs serving special audiences and meeting important needs.

"Los Clubs 4-H En La Comunidad Hispana" is the title of a 4-H feature article--carried in a recent issue of LA TRIBUNA, a Spanish semi-monthly newspaper in Newark. The story was written by a 4-H agent to reach an important new youth audience in Middlesex county. Other States could follow this example where foreign language papers serve their own non-English speaking groups.

WHAT WE LEARNED ABOUT UNIFORMS

The recent summary relating to the 4-H dress showed that 15 States used the dress a great deal--all but four of those States are in the South. There are only seven other States where more than 100 girls have a 4-H dress.

About 50,000 girls, ages 12 and up, have 4-H dresses, while only 10,000 pre-teens have them. These figures do not include Puerto Rico and one other State that have their own distinctive uniform.

Where States used the dress for all girls at a State event, including the 15 high--it was held in the summer, with June being the most popular time. The practice of lending or borrowing 4-H dresses is a factor in widespread use. Where girls wear it for a State event, they are apt to make up one dress and borrow a second in order to have a change. The use of readymade dresses seems to be increasing.

Several States use a distinctive outfit for State officers or council members, often the green blazer for boys and a special dress or jacket for girls, depending on the time of year the officers will function at important meetings. This is similar to the idea of a special outfit for the members who are on the Report-to-the-Nation team.

Suggestions relating to fabric had to do primarily with wanting crease resistant or drip-dry properties. When it came to style, the suggestions primarily related to alternate skirt styles to allow for fashion changes.

Several States mentioned that the 4-H insignia used on suit coats or white shirts for boys or on blouse or a basic dress for girls, can give the feeling of identification.

Informal discussions were held with members at National 4-H Conference and also with a group of staff members. As a result, some testing of fabrics will go on this summer. Members in some of the discussions wanted to discourage the use of a number of achievement pins worn surrounding the 4-H insignia, at least for the National Conference delegates.

NATIONAL 4-H FELLOWS

The following three young men and three young women, now holding professional positions in Extension, were named for a year of study in the Washington, D.C., area: Gloria Cleland, Ohio; Roy E. Hougen, Iowa; Frances Marie ("Sue") Kleen, Wyoming; James R. Asis, New Mexico; Dallas Rudolph Smith, North Carolina; and Nancy Alice White, Kentucky.

Awarded since 1931, the 4-H Fellowship is valued at \$3,000 and is one of the largest study grants offered Extension staff members. The number of recipients so far totals 125 from 39 States. The program offers a unique opportunity for informal study of Government - including the U. S. Department of Agriculture. At the same time, the Fellows also enroll in graduate courses at local universities of their choice. They will have an unusual opportunity to become better acquainted with national Government operations in the Nation's Capital. Their study program calls for them to spend two or more days a week in conference with officials of USDA and various other federal agencies. The FES Division of Extension Research and Education directs the 4-H Fellowship study program.

NEW BOOKS

"Concepts and Generalizations; Their Place in High School Home Economics Curriculum Development" \$2.00. American Home Economics Association.

"Books and the Teen-Age Reader" - now available in paperback as well as hard cover. Bantam Books.

"Children, Development and Relationships" - Mollie S. Smart and Russell C. Smart. McMillan.

Just off the press, "Getting Ready for Payday" is a pamphlet which will be especially useful in programs for young men anticipating a first job. Copies are being sent to clothing specialists. Quantity copies may be purchased for 10 cents each from the Cleanliness Bureau, 485 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10022.

STATE 4-H LEADERS ARE SAYING -

C. J. Gauger on "Program Directions for 4-H and Youth Programs"

As we look at 4-H in 1967; as we make plans for its dynamic growth and expansion in the years ahead, it would appear to me that there are two alternatives:

1. We can build higher, tighter and stronger fences and hold 4-H within limited bounds; we can build tighter rules and regulations reducing our individual freedom and flexibility.
2. We can establish a firm and solid common philosophy about 4-H, its purpose and scope. This common purpose can serve as a solid core or as a tether pole to which each of us can hitch ourselves in order to range as far and as wide as our creative and productive efforts, as well as our resources, will permit and provide.

It is my personal opinion that the first alternative is not a realistic one, if we, in fact, wish to develop creative, productive citizens. Creative, productive young people need creative, productive adults to work with them. Creative, productive staff members need "running room"; they need programming, freedom and flexibility.

For these reasons, I find myself totally committed to the principle of building acceptance and commitment to this central purpose and philosophical core concept of 4-H. Stated in a set of National Program Guidelines, if truly used as guidelines, it will permit a maximum of programming freedom and flexibility.

Dr. Gordon Beckstrand on "Camping in the 4-H Program in Michigan."

4-H Camping should provide opportunities for education in a unique setting. These opportunities for developing leadership, citizenship responsibilities, and values systems begin with the initial planning, continue during the camp session through to the final evaluation and making new plans for the following year.

Evidence indicates that some agents put a lower priority on camping than other kinds of activities in providing meaningful experiences. We would highly recommend that before this decision is made, agents within an area thoroughly evaluate the opportunities which can be provided participants through a meaningful camping experience.

Evaluation criteria might include:

1. When camping meets the needs and interests of those involved.
2. When specific goals evolve from these needs and interests.
3. When the program is planned to meet specific goals reaching toward the objectives.
4. When the program is conducted with adequate and competent staff resources.

When evaluations are made to determine whether these criteria are met, it is logical that a camping experience might be just as appropriate as any other 4-H youth activity.

/SHARING SOME OF THE GOOD IDEAS BEING USED BY VARIOUS STATES/

ALABAMA - Training in Wildlife, Forestry and Horses

A combined training event has just been completed for more than 80 county Extension agents who work with 4-H. The wildlife training was scheduled on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday with forestry sessions on Wednesday, and training on horses on Thursday. The training is to help staff members organize county programs in these areas.

CALIFORNIA - Operation Efficiency

This title for the California drive reflects the concern for more efficient management for an effective and worthwhile 4-H program. Agents have received training at a State-wide conference, plus further counseling as they move forward.

GEORGIA - Legislative 'Cue

4-H members from eight Atlanta area counties provided a barbecued chicken supper for members of the General Assembly. They were assisted by the head of poultry science at the University Extension Service.

GEORGIA - Natural Sciences Building at Camp

Ground will be broken June 28 for a natural science building overlooking the 110-acre Rock Eagle Lake. It will include a 200-capacity auditorium, a laboratory and a glass observatory. There will be open-air classrooms at each end of the building for instruction in wildlife management and conservation and for demonstrations. Adjacent pens will house live deer, raccoons and other animals necessary for instructional purposes. This is made possible by a \$50,000 grant from The Rich Foundation, Inc.

DELAWARE - Junior Leader Weekends

Each county plans to offer a special junior leader weekend training conference during the winter months. Special emphasis will be directed to junior leader responsibilities, citizenship development, community service, and recreation. The conferences are for youth who are not available for training during summer months due to vacations and part-time employment.

INDIANA - 4-H'ers at General Assembly

Starting with a visit to Governor Branigin's office, 33 State 4-H junior leader council members spent a day at the State House. At the noon hour a special luncheon given by the junior leaders included legislators who had been 4-H members or leaders. Lt. Governor Rock gave a warm welcome, followed by each of the legislators telling about 4-H experiences and how much 4-H had meant to them.

KANSAS - Choice of Three State Leaders Conferences

The 1967 conference is the first to be held in three places. Volunteer leaders have a choice of attending sessions at Scott City, Rock Springs Ranch or at Ottawa.

KANSAS - 4-H Appreciation Week, June 5-10

State, counties and 4-H Clubs will say "thank you" to friends and supporters. The governor's proclamation says: "It is especially appropriate to recognize the contributions of volunteer adult leaders, parents of 4-H members, Foundation county committeemen, and other public-spirited citizens who give their time and resources for the Kansas 4-H program." On Friends-of-4-H Day, June 7, Governor Docking will be at Rock Springs Ranch, 4-H Center.

LOUISIANA - 4-H Adult Leader Training Units

Several units have recently been made available for training leaders, either by correspondence or in face-to-face situations. Some recent ones are "4-H Leader's Responsibilities," "Understanding Young People," "4-H Work in Louisiana" (history), "4-H Club Contests, Activities and Awards."

MAINE - 20 Percent Increase in 4-H

Membership in 1966 was the highest since the World War II Victory Garden activities some 22 years ago. Most popular projects are safety, health, nutrition, recreation, conservation and career exploration.

MAINE - Youth For Natural Beauty and Conservation

Eleven major youth organizations cooperated in a Youth Conference on Natural Beauty and Conservation. The young people focused their attention on four areas of concern - conservation education, parks and open spaces, anti-litter, and city and rural beautification. The "Keep Maine Scenic" Division of the State Park and Recreation Commission provided resource materials and technical personnel to the conference. Members of the Kennebec Girl Scout Council sponsored the conference and Theodore Greene, 4-H representative to the 1966 National Youth Conference served as chairman.

MARYLAND - Dairy Team to Live on Farms

The four Maryland teens, members of the National 4-H Dairy Judging Team will tour Europe this summer, live on farms and visit the home countries of major cattle breeds. Competing against teams from 34 other States, the boys won the 4-H dairy judging contest at Waterloo, Iowa last September. This is the nineteenth time Maryland has captured first place and participated in the competitions in England.

MARYLAND - Dairy Month Observance at Large Shopping Center

In observance of "June-Dairy Month," Montgomery County 4-H'ers will display their cows and calves at the Wheaton Shopping Center. Every hour 4-H'ers will milk Ayrshire, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey and Brown Swiss animals. Other 4-H'ers will demonstrate how to prepare dairy foods. Local dairies will provide free half-pints of milk to observers. The Maryland Dairy Princess will also make an appearance.

MASSACHUSETTS - "Conversation" Radio Programs Feature 4-H

Four FM radio stations in the northeast will devote programs to 4-H on the discussion program "Conversation" originating at WFCR in Amherst, Massachusetts. Topics to be presented in July and August are Youth Development in 4-H, Leadership in 4-H, International Youth Programs, and Youth and Natural Beauty. The Massachusetts State 4-H and Extension Staff will be cooperating with Miss Virginia Davis, Extension Home Economist on these half-hour programs. Stations carrying "Conversation" will be WFCR in Amherst, WGBH-FM in Boston, WAMC in Albany, New York, and WAMU in Washington, D.C.

MICHIGAN - 4-H - Youth Spring Workshop

The May 15-18 spring workshop with the theme "Plan Your Tomorrow" was held for 4-H agents, State 4-H staff, specialists assigned to work with 4-H and others interested. Participants were asked to read in advance sections in the book "The Next Generation" by Donald Michael.

MICHIGAN - Foods-Nutrition Leaders' Workshop

Seventy leaders and 12 agents participated in a special training course at Camp Kett. The staff was very pleased with the progressive attitude of the leaders. A revised bulletin "Action Exhibits in 4-H Foods-Nutrition" was one of the materials introduced.

MINNESOTA - Radio Speaking Contest

The State Radio Speaking event was held in conjunction with the Leaders' forum this year. Topic was "What Does Living in a Culturally Pluralistic Society Mean to Me?" The participants had opportunity to stay with host families, many of them from minority groups. The young people felt this was one of the highlights of the experience.

MISSISSIPPI - Savings Bonds as 4-H Awards

Shift has been made to use of saving bonds as 4-H awards--as first and second places in all judging and demonstration categories and as second, third and fourth place awards in all record achievement categories. The staff feels this is acting in the national interest and is adding an educational dimension for members, since for some members it may be their first contact with interest and savings.

MISSISSIPPI - Camps in Full Swing

All 4-H camping facilities are in full swing following a year out of operation. Programs for the camps are somewhat changed and greatly improved. Swimming instruction is being given in modern swimming pools at all camps.

NEW HAMPSHIRE - 4-H Panorama

Over 500 youth, parents and leaders provided an agricultural educational and entertaining 4-H program for over 6,000 interested folks in Strafford County. Members presented demonstrations, conducted livestock shows, arranged exhibits on topics from bicycle safety to natural beauty, and focused attention on science in 4-H. Other features included clothing construction, arts and crafts, auto care and safety and the International Farm Youth Exchange program. The entire event had radio and television coverage over WTSN in Dover and WENH-TV at the University of New Hampshire. The New Hampshire Sunday News in Manchester devoted a full page spread to the Panorama.

NEW JERSEY - "Budding Astronomers"

"The 4-H Lens Grinding and Telescope Club" in Hunterdon County, is having lots of fun learning about Astronomy. Under the direction of their leader, and Engineering Associate at Western Electric Engineering Research Center, the members are making their own telescopes. Members are gaining a sense of values through taking a rough cast piece of glass and converting it into a precision optical device capable of viewing the moon, planets and stars. Both boys and girls seem to be keenly interested in this activity.

NEW JERSEY - 4-H at State Flower and Garden Show

A 4-H exhibit and demonstrations by 4-H'ers at the New Jersey Flower and Garden Show created a great deal of interest among urban and suburban spectators. Volunteer leaders gave enthusiastic cooperation.

OHIO - Training on Home Improvement

A total of 854 agents and volunteer leaders were trained in a series of 12 training sessions. The crowd represented 83 of the 88 counties. Gertrude Hoffman, recently retired in Wisconsin, gave training on the principles of design, and Doris Snook, Ohio State specialist, explained 4-H home furnishings projects in Ohio and demonstrated many teaching methods.

OKLAHOMA - New Approach on Meats Judging

A special training session was set up where students from Oklahoma State University gave instruction to interested 4-H'ers. For many this was a practice session before they entered the State Meat Identification and Quality Judging event.

PENNSYLVANIA - 4-H Capital Days

Much favorable response is being received on 4-H Capital Days held April 10-11 in Harrisburg for two delegates per county. Each county received a copy of the 4-H Game of Democracy. Delegates will use the game to help share their experience with any 4-H group in their home counties.

RHODE ISLAND - Assistance to Children's Center

The Dudley Street Boys' 4-H'ers of Providence visited and offered assistance to the Mount Pleasant Children's Center. They had an opportunity to tour the gym, clinic for mentally retarded children, Arts and Crafts Center and a cottage. A few 4-H members gave a demonstration on woodworking projects. Information was provided on 4-H and the members volunteered to assist in starting a 4-H group. Future plans are to invite some of the children to visit the Extension House.

SOUTH CAROLINA - New Project for Teens

A new project now being developed includes teen-age nutrition, clothing and personal development. Specialists in the various fields are cooperating along with State 4-H staff members.

SOUTH DAKOTA - Teen Camps in Two Locations

Teen camps for ages 13 to 19 (as of January 1) are slated at Camp Bob Marshall and Camp Lakodia. The programming for both is on social exchange of ideas, recreation and fellowship that will interest teens.

SOUTH DAKOTA - Experiment-Demonstration on Radiation

4-H members will learn about radiation and its effect on crop production. Packets of irradiated corn and tomato seeds are available to members enrolled for crops, garden and TV science projects. The seeds will be subjected to two different radiation levels; a third packet of seeds not subjected to radiation is included for purposes of comparison. Members are expected to observe and record the different growth patterns. They may collect seeds from offspring of each group for planting the following year to observe growth habits of the second generation.

TENNESSEE - "Why Care?" at State 4-H Club Congress

"Why Care?" provided an excellent opportunity for 450 delegates and leaders to do some depth thinking about citizenship and 4-H. Some of the highlights: Marilyn Van Derbur's talk on "Care for What?", an address by Governor Buford Ellington, programs on government at the State Capitol, a concert by the Nashville Youth Symphony, and the Citizenship Banquet. Teams from each of the five Extension districts competed in a State history quiz, The 4-H Bowl, patterned after a popular TV program.

VERMONT - Orientation for Out-of-State and In-State Events

On a busy Saturday in April, separate groups of 4-H participants were oriented for their experiences at National 4-H Conference, National 4-H Congress in Chicago, Citizenship Short Course, New England Horse Activity, and representatives for each 4-H Club planning to prepare action exhibits for this summer's State Day. Adult and junior leaders who had participants in the events earlier conducted most of the sessions.

WASHINGTON - New Method of Judging

The Home Furnishings Specialist instituted a new system of judging which is now being utilized in some other project areas, and in adult teaching. It begins with the idea that four items are not necessary and standards for decision making must be known. Several appropriate sheets are available each titled "Standards for Evaluating..." which list and explain the appropriate points to be considered for various items. On each point the member checks whether: A-most closely fulfills standards listed, B-fulfills some of the standards listed, and C-fulfills very few or none of the standards.

WASHINGTON - 4-H Camping

The May 13 issue of "4-H Memo", devoted to program ideas for 4-H camping, is filled with suggestions from the State staff as well as ideas-that-worked in many camps the previous year. It is pointed out that disadvantaged youth were included in regular camps in four counties last year. The State Highway Patrol provides staff for interested counties for one day of safety education.

WEST VIRGINIA - Progress with Camping

The current issue of "4-H Suggestions" highlights progress since the first 4-H camp, held in Randolph County, West Virginia in 1915. As nearly as FES can document, this was the first 4-H camp on record. It had 20 4-H members, five adults and a load of food which included several live chickens.

WYOMING - Leaders Conference

"Expanding the 4-H Program" was the theme for the 28th annual State 4-H Volunteer Leaders Conference. A helpful summary report was prepared for all who participated.

/NEWS OF OUR COWORKERS/

Dan Warren of Idaho received a glowing tribute in The Idaho Statesman newspaper, which had the lead "Portrait of a Distinguished Citizen". Below the four-column-wide sketch of Dan was a statement about his services to Idaho, his family, and his varied interests.

Evelyn Harne, Minnesota, has returned from a three-months study-travel experience in Guatemala, El Salvador, Costa Rica, Chile, Uruguay and Brazil. For years Evelyn has been preparing for this experience as she perfected her Spanish.

Lou Carolyn Murphy is newest member on the Mississippi staff as assistant State 4-H club leader.

Clemie Dunn of Missouri and John Paul Duke of Louisiana will be group leaders for the 51-member Teen Caravan to Europe this summer. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fain of Brookville, Indiana will be leaders for the group going to Peru. Both groups will leave Washington June 26. Mrs. Fain was an IFYE to Uruguay in 1961-62.

Everett Mitchell, long time friend of 4-H, received special recognition from USDA at its annual honor awards ceremony May 16. He was cited "for his devotion to better farming and rural-urban understanding and his singular contribution as the voice and personality of the National Farm and Home Hour for more than 30 years."

Winthrop Merriam, Jr. will soon be joining the State 4-H staff in West Virginia. He moved from a position in Lancaster County, Pa.

John (Jack) W. Donovan is appointed as executive director for the special urban project in Rhode Island. He was formerly Extension youth agent and also has had experience with VISTA.

Jim Everts and Eldora Keske, Wisconsin, are on study leave until January 31. Both are at University of Wisconsin. Sidney R. Bjorkman has been brought into the State office as an acting assistant 4-H Club Leader.

Jack M. Tyree, Virginia, now has the title of State 4-H Club Leader. George E. Russell of Virginia, whom many of you know, is now Director of Resource Development and Home Economics; Patrick H. DeHart is Director of Agriculture and 4-H.

Mrs. Dorothy S. Hole, Idaho, will be back on the job July 4 after a study leave spent in Colorado. Connie Meyer will continue to serve on the Idaho staff.

Wayne Bath, formerly Minnesota, is now in Washington as Assistant Director.

William A. Turner, Associate State 4-H Agent in Virginia, has retired after many years of dedicated service. He plans to continue to live in Blacksburg.

Mrs. Carol Tarnavsky and Dianne Undem are appointed as Area Extension Home Economists in Montana. Both bring 4-H experience as assets to their new positions.

R. E. "Scotty" Cameron, for 11 years State 4-H leader in Montana, died in Pullman last month. He was identified with overseas programs in several countries, and served most recently as deputy campus coordinator of Washington State University's Pakistan project.

Velma McGaugh, newly appointed State Home Economics leader in Wyoming, was at one time on the 4-H staff in Kansas and is known to many of you.

Jack E. Seibert soon replaces Elwood Shaffer as editor of the National 4-H News, Mr. Seibert has been associate editor of International Harvester's Farm magazine, and previously in editorial positions with Michigan Farmer and Ohio Farmer. Elwood plans to move to the Missouri area and devote himself to free lance work.

We're all pleased to know Ty Thompson is back on the job--good as new he says.

New members of the National 4-H Service Committee include: Frederick A. Collins, Jr., The Sperry and Hutchinson Company; Henry F. Deboest, Eli Lilly and Company; Derek Richardson, Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation; W. S. Robson, Eastman Kodak Company; Dr. Luther S. Roehm, Merck & Company; C. V. Rosenberry, Westinghouse Electric Corporation. Congratulations to each of them, and to Chris Christensen, reelected president.

Dr. Doris E. Hansen, Assistant Dean of the School of Home Economics at Purdue, will become executive director of the 28,000-member American Home Economics Association on July 15. Dr. Hansen began her career as a home demonstration agent in Colorado. She succeeds Dr. Jane L. Rees, who is returning to the educational field.

Dr. Humberto R. Cansancao, a Brazilian youth leader, has spent a month in New Jersey studying 4-H work. His sojourn in New Jersey is part of the U. S. Alliance for Progress program and is supervised by the State Chamber of Commerce.

Henry Seften is moving from FES to International Agricultural Development Service, where he will be working on programs for unsponsored visitors. Henry will continue to have contact with 4-H people in the States.

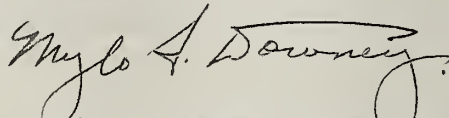
R. E. Brack of Saskatoon has been elected president of the Canadian Council on 4-H Clubs. He is assistant professor and senior Extension specialist in charge of Saskatchewan's 4-H program. Keynote speaker at the 36th annual meeting of the Canadian 4-H Council was Wilbur F. Pease of New York. He talked on "Adjusting 4-H Programs to Meet Specific Needs of Youth."

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We quote from Secretary Freeman a philosophy about dynamic change:

"...When the ways of the past work best, we will use them.
But we know that the ways of the past will not always serve
tomorrow. Better ways must be found. This is the message
of 'Agriculture 2000!'."

Sincerely yours,



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